

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-3018
724 Howard Road
Pikesville, Baltimore County
1891
Private

Constructed in 1891, this dwelling at 724 Howard Road is located in Sudbrook Park in Pikesville in the Third District of Baltimore County. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973, Sudbrook Park Historic District is significant as a small community designed and planned by Frederick Law Olmstead. It was planned as a summer resort for wealthy Baltimore residents at the turn of the 20th century. The house at 724 Howard Road was purchased as an investment by Hugh L. Bond and Eugene Blackford. They furnished and rented it, and William Heinrich Stellman was the last renter. In 1954, the current owner Cox Jr. bought the property. He lived his entire life in Sudbrook Park, having his childhood at 722 Howard Road.

This Queen Anne-style dwelling is sited on a level grassy lot and is surrounded by trees, shrubs, and foundation plantings. A paved driveway leads to the garage. The two-and-a-half story house measures two bays wide and features a side-passage entrance. The entry contains a single-leaf wood paneled door illuminated with a lattice transom window and lattice sidelights over a dado panel. The first and second stories are pierced with paired 2/2 wood sash windows. The upper half story has a pair of lattice wood casement windows with a canted reveal. A large wrap-around porch covers the first story of the dwelling. It is supported with Tuscan wood columns and square-cut balusters. The dwelling is capped with a front-gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. Rising above the roof is one interior-side brick chimney with a corbeled cap. Features of the house include wood shingles in the front gable, overhanging eaves, and exposed roof rafters. The house has a rear ell addition with a rear porch and a roof balcony. A circa 1891 stable/garage is wood frame clad with German wood siding. It is capped with a side-gable asphalt shingle roof and features a boxed wood cornice and exposed roof rafters. The sliding vertical board doors are cross braced.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-3018

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic 724 Howard Road

other

2. Location

street and number 724 Howard Road not for publication

city, town Pikesville vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Newell T. & Jacqueline S. Cox, Jr.

street and number 724 Howard Road telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21208-4722

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 78, 420

city, town Towson liber 2501 folio 393

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2 1 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	1 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	1 objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	2 1 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1891 **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates 1891

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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Known for his emphasis on nature, Olmstead designed Sudbrook Park with importance on curvilinear streets, large lots, and an abundance of mature trees and vegetation. The houses in Sudbrook Park were designed with several deed restrictions. The structure was required to be sited forty feet back from the street and ten feet from neighboring property lines. The height of each property was to be three stories and the styles allowed were rural and not urban.(1) The house at 724 Howard Road was purchased as an investment by Hugh L. Bond and Eugene Blackford. They furnished and rented it, and William Heinrich Stellman was the last renter. In 1954, the current owner Cox Jr. bought the property. He lived his entire life in Sudbrook Park, having his childhood at 722 Howard Road.(2)

ENDNOTES

1. Sudbrook Park Historic District Nomination, National Register of Historic Places (Washington, DC: NPS, 1973).
2. Beryl Frank, Way Back When, (Baltimore: Sudbrook Park, Inc., 1997). p. 28.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.0 acres

Acreage of historical setting 1.0 acres

Quadrangle name Baltimore West

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The dwelling at 724 Howard Road is located in Sudbrook Park Historic District in Pikesville in the Third District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 78, parcel 420 since its construction.

11. Form Prepared By

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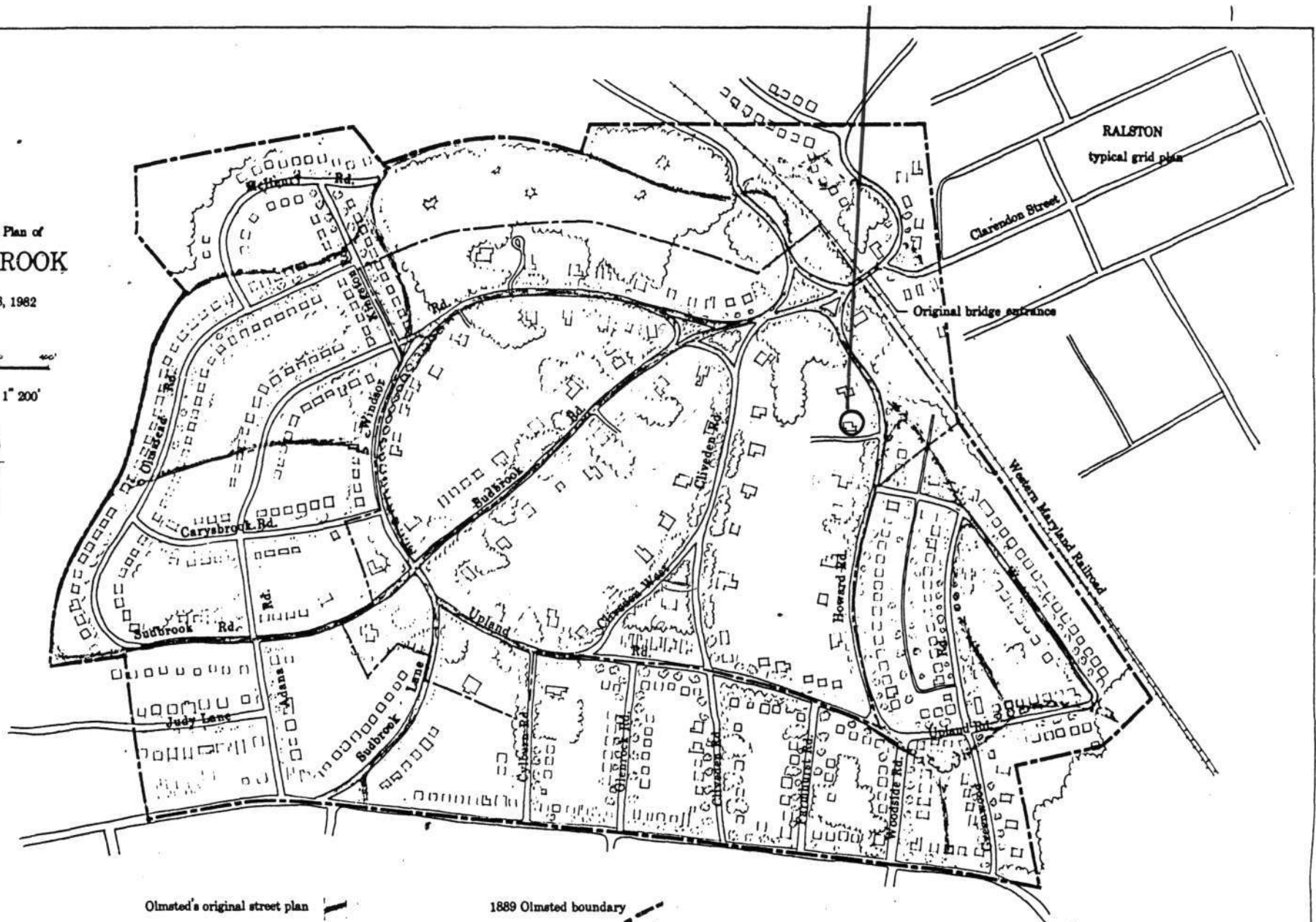
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724 Howard Road
Sudbrook Park Historic District
Pikesville
Baltimore West, USGS

General Plan of SUDBROOK

July 28, 1982

Scale: 1" = 200'



Olmsted's original street plan
Existing street street plan

1889 Olmsted boundary
1973 Historic district boundary

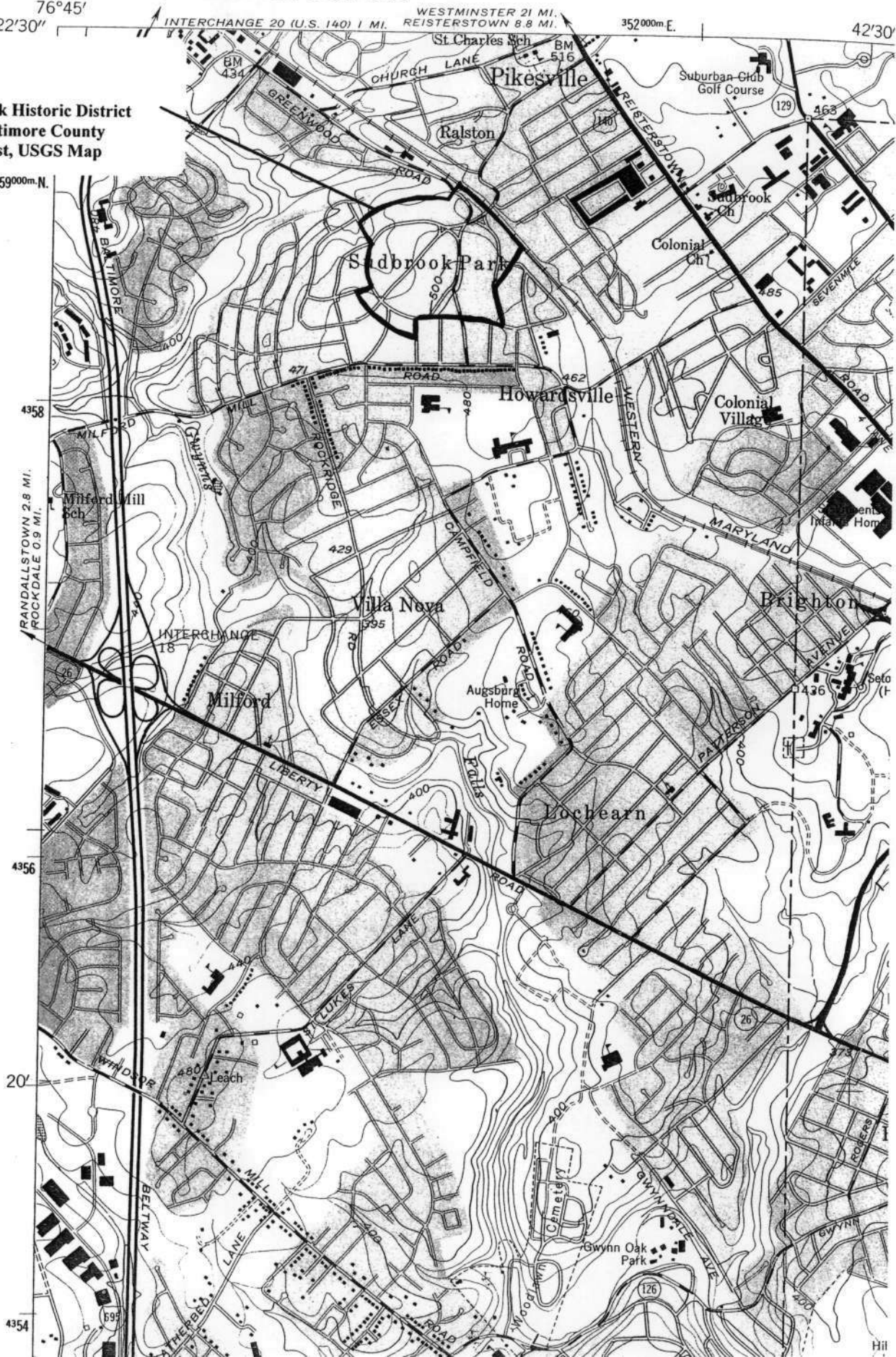
5662 IV NE
(REISTERSTOWN)

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BA-159
Sudbrook Park Historic District
Pikesville, Baltimore County
Baltimore West, USGS Map

76°45' 39°22'30" INTERCHANGE 20 (U.S. 140) 1 MI. WESTMINSTER 21 MI. REISTERSTOWN 8.8 MI. 352,000m E. 42°30'

4359000m N.





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HOUSE, EAST ELEVATION

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HOUSE, SOUTHWEST CORNER

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HOUSE, WEST ELEVATION

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GARAGE, SOUTHEAST CORNER

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